

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

In re

SKAT TAX REFUND SCHEME LITIGATION

This document relates to: 1:19-cv-01865-LAK, 1:19-cv-01866-LAK, 1:19-cv-01871-LAK, 1:19-cv-01873-LAK, 1:19-cv-01894-LAK, 1:19-cv-01930-LAK, 1:19-cv-01893-LAK, 1:19-cv-01906, 1:19-cv-01911, and 1:19-cv-01924-LAK

Master Docket 18-md-02865 (LAK)
ECF Case

**DEFENDANTS' JOINDER IN THE
MARKOWITZ INDIVIDUAL AND PENSION PLAN DEFENDANTS'
MOTION TO DISMISS**

John van Merkensteijn, III, Elizabeth van Merkensteijn, Azalea Pension Plan, Basalt Ventures LLC Roth 401(K) Plan, Bernina Pension Plan, Omineca Pension Plan, Starfish Capital Management LLC Roth 401(K) Plan, Tarvos Pension Plan, Voojo Productions LLC Roth 401(K) Plan, Michelle Investments Pension Plan, Remece Investments Pension Plan, and Xiphias LLC Pension Plan (“Defendants”) in the above captioned cases hereby join and incorporate by reference the motion to dismiss and accompanying memorandum of law and declaration filed by Defendants Richard Markowitz, Jocelyn Markowitz, Avanix Management LLC Roth 401(K) Plan, Batavia Capital Pension Plan, Calypso Investments Pension Plan, Cavus Systems LLC Roth 401(K) Plan, Hadron Industries LLC Roth 401(K) Plan, RJM Capital Pension Plan, and Routt Capital Pension Plan (collectively, the “Markowitz Individual and Pension Plan Defendants”) as Master Docket entry Nos. 134, 135, 139, and 140.

The arguments raised in the Markowitz Individual and Pension Plan Defendants' motion to dismiss apply equally to the claims against Defendants in the above-identified actions because SKAT has raised substantially-identical claims in each of the individual actions. Accordingly, for the reasons set forth in the Markowitz Individual and Pension Plan Defendants' motion to dismiss and accompanying memorandum of law and declaration in support thereof, the claims against Defendants should be dismissed.

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New York, New York

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